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Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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National Park Opens Just in Time for Autumn Color Viewing

Brecksville, Ohio – Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) re-opens to visitors today. All facilities are open, including restrooms. Boston Store Visitor Center is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail from Lock 39 Trailhead to Botzum Trailhead and all other trails are open.

“We are excited to be back at work and welcome visitors to Cuyahoga Valley National Park,” said Acting Superintendent Paul Stoehr. “Autumn colors have peaked this week and now is a perfect time to experience nature’s beauty in your national park.”

All fall programs and events will continue as previously scheduled and include the following:

Thursday, October 17

Moon Mingle

Hang out by the lake, enjoying the glow of moonlight and campfire. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Kendall Lake Shelter, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, October 18

Fall Family Fishing Day

Drop in for a free day of fishing fun! Fishing poles and bait provided, or bring your own. Pack lunches and drinks. For ages 7 and older. Horseshoe Pond, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Campfire Tales: Share Your National Park Experience

National park adventures have long captivated the American public. Join a park ranger as we share stories of times spent in these amazing places. Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Full Moon Hike

Explore your national park by the light of a full moon on a 3-mile hike on the flat Towpath Trail. Wheelchair accessible. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 7 - 9 p.m.

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Saturday, October 19

Bird Watching: October Birds

Find southbound migrating birds in the lowland forests along the Cuyahoga River. Red Lock Trailhead, 8 - 10 a.m.

National Fossil Day

Join a fossil-hunting expedition for young and old, exploring the rocks of Furnace Run. Wear shoes that can get wet. Everett Road Covered Bridge, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

20/20 Towpath Celebration Ride

Commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Towpath Trail grand opening with a comfortable train ride, followed by a ranger-led, 20-mile bicycle ride. Bring a bike, helmet, extra inner tube, and light snack. Fee: \$3. Rockside Station, 12:15 - 5 p.m.

Hang Out at Hunt

Stop by to explore Ohio fossils. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Ghost Walk

On this 1-mile lantern hike, our costumed characters bring Ohio's past to life with tales of love and despair, joy and grief, and kindness and horror. Hikes depart every 30 minutes. Kendall Lake Shelter, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 6

Hiking the Hills

Tackle the challenging Buckeye Trail with a 7.5-mile hike. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Hang Out at Hunt

Stop by to enjoy activities for the entire family. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad continues its regular fall excursions on Wednesdays through Sundays in October and on Saturdays and Sundays in November. For more information visit www.cvsr.com.

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park continues to have programs at the Environmental Education Center and at Happy Days Lodge. The Stanford House, Hines Hill Conference Center, and the Stone Cottage are available for rentals. Trail Mix Peninsula is open for snacks and souvenirs. For event and concert details, and on-line ticket purchases, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

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The Countryside Conservancy's Farmers' Market resumes at Howe Meadow on Saturdays in October, from 9 a.m. to noon, and moves to its winter location at Old Trail School in November. For more information visit www.cvcountryside.org.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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